

# TROOPS PROTECT DIVER IN SEARCH

Bodies of Kidnaped Men Believed in Lake--National Guardsmen Aiding.

MER ROUGE, La., Dec. 21.—A detachment of national guardsmen were at Lake Lafourche, a deep body of water fifteen miles south-east of here, today to protect and assist a diver in the search for the bodies of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, missing members of a party of five Mer Rouge citizens kidnaped by masked men on the night of August 24, while returning from a good road meeting at Bastrop.

State authorities and detectives sent here several months ago to investigate the disappearances were reported to have indicated they believed that the hooded band killed Daniels and Richards and threw their bodies into the lake. Two iron wheels of an old farm wagon near the lake were said to have disappeared the night of the kidnaping and it is the belief of the authorities that they might have been used as weights.

## Woman's Standpoint

By ANN ADVENTURE.

Have you ever had a day crowded so full that at its close you wondered how in the world you ever did get through with it all? There were so many calls upon your time, all equally as important, interesting and worth while, that you felt you could not forego any of them, so you just tried to take everything in. "Well, yes," you say, "about every day is like that to me," and so say most of us.

The week before Christmas is the busiest of all the year, with the making and buying of gifts, sending packages that must be gotten off early, cleaning house so that everything will be attractive and cheerful for the festive day; cooking, baking and countless numbers of things that must be done.

Among other things, the schools were having their Christmas exercises this week, and as I always try to "practice what I preach" I went school visiting again, busy as I was, for I have made it a rule, ever since I have had kiddies big enough to go to school, to drop everything and go when they were putting on a special program, and as many times as possible between these events.

I can imagine nothing much more discouraging and disappointing to a child than to get up and perform before the parents of other children, when their own are not present. And what incentive do they have to do their best when at least one member of their family is not sufficiently interested to go to hear them?

One doesn't realize how fast their boy or girl is growing until they see them in school with all the other children, said one mother today. "Just to think that these are the children who so short a time ago started in the first grade, and next year will be going to high school," said another.

And before going my little daughter told me that I must visit her grade often this year, "for you know, mother, it will be my last years in dear old Butcher School, and it will never mean quite as much to either of us as now."

This realization brought a lump to my throat and tears to my eyes, for another year will mean the breaking of old ties and the making of new ones. It will mean leaving childhood behind, and the going out to meet larger experiences as well as added responsibilities that come upon entrance to high school.

And as I look back over the years I ask myself the question, "Have I made the most of the golden opportunities that have been mine to keep in touch with the school life of my child and to know better, and co-operate with the teachers who have had such a large part in preparing her to face the future? It is almost too late now if I have not. How much better to ask that question at the close of the first year, when one has time to catch step if they have lost time."

All the schools closed for the holidays in a manner befitting the season, but as I could be one place at a time I saw just a few of the exercises at Butcher School.

The eighth grade pupils arranged their own program, which was well balanced, and cleverly presented.

Ocie Riggs presided in a pleasing manner, and announced the numbers as they were to appear.

At the close of the program 10 cent gifts were exchanged, and this occasioned a great deal of merriment, for most of them consisted of toys for tiny tots.

The teacher, Miss Myrtle Mc Kinney, gave the boys and girls the right of way, and quite a number of presents were presented to share in the fun.

A unique feature introduced by the sixth grade, of which Miss Caroline Barnes is teacher, was a table all set for Christmas dinner, with its snowy cloth, and the decorations, place cards, candles and candies carrying out a color scheme of red, white and green.

The pupils of the fifth grade, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Louise Leonard, presented a playlet entitled "Bringing the Gifts," which was written upon the story of the nativity as found in the gospels, Mark and Luke. A very beautiful and realistic manger scene was enacted by several of the children, and all of the rest brought gifts to the Christ Child and so impressive was the story as presented, that its meaning will have a lasting influence upon the children, as well as the large number of mothers who were present.

If you are in doubt as to the ad-

visability or wisdom of having a woman principal in charge of a school you should visit Butcher School and observe Miss Evelyn Prickett at work, and have her tell you about the present policy of the school, and her hopes for the future, and you will no doubt change your mind. Everything moves like clock work and without undue confusion.

Ladies' Night was observed by the Kiwanis Club in the assembly hall of the Y. M. C. A. last evening, and as I am lucky enough to have a Kiwanian for a husband I was entitled to attend, and, as usual, they did things in a happy manner, beginning with a bounteous turkey dinner with all the fixings and after the feast of viands there was a feast of song, fun and reason.

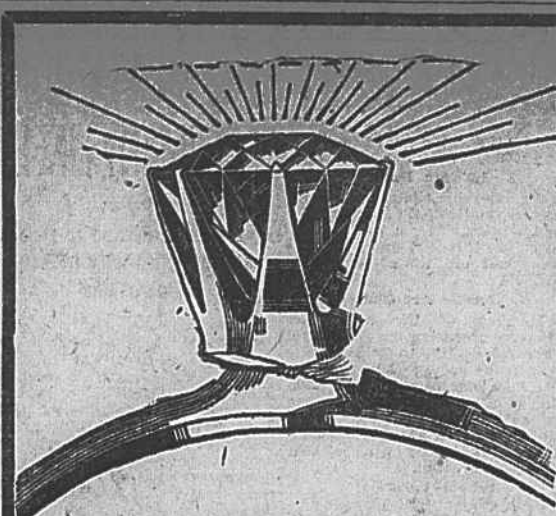
The little lady, Florence Brady, who has delighted large audiences at the Blue Ridge this week, opened the program with several of her animated songs, and other musical selections that were highly appreciated, were a double quartet composed of four young men and four young women from the East Side High School under the direction of Miss Pauline Reid; a quartet by the "Jingling Bells," as they were introduced, but better known as Bob Smith, "Ching" Bell, Wayne Wilson and Tom Hartley, who gave several pleasing selections.

With all the lights turned off, except the tiny colored ones on the gorgeous Christmas tree that graced the platform, Miss Reid sang effectively a very pretty solo. I thought the men displayed very good judgment and kind thoughtfulness in having as a speaker on Ladies' Night, Miss Clara Wilson, the first woman in the county to be elected to fill the responsible position of superintendent of schools for Marion County. I liked what she said and the manner in which she said it. She does not profess to know everything, and she is perfectly willing to accept help and suggestions if given in the proper spirit, she says, and she asked the support of the club in all undertakings that would advance the cause of education.

The president, Dr. L. D. Howard, who always says the right thing in the right place, assured Miss Wilson, on behalf of the club, that she should have their most earnest support in whatever she attempted for the good of our schools.

I was sorry not to be able to stay for the rest of the program, which consisted of an address by Dr. E. H. Vickers of Morgantown, but after the prizes were awarded to the ladies having lucky numbers I left, as I was due at the First M. E. Church, where for eight consecutive weeks "Church Night" will be held in preparation for the evangelistic campaign to follow.

The meetings are well attended, and much interest is manifested in the classes for study, which meet immediately following the mid-week prayer service, and greater efficiency in all lines of church work is sure to be the result.



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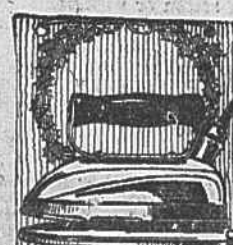
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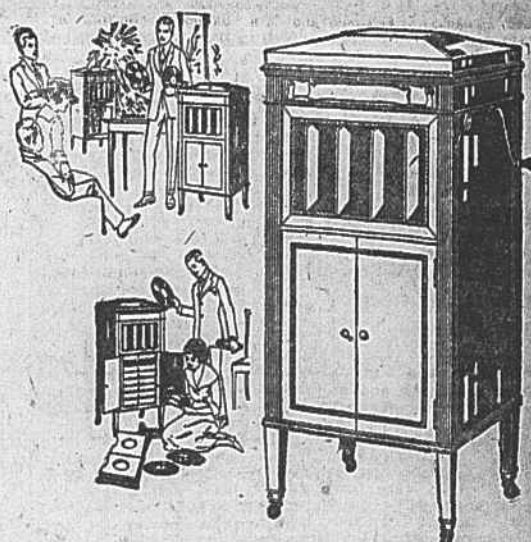
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